



Fall 2021

12TH DISTRICT MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR

SYLVIA ORTIZ-VELEZ

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DEAR NEIGHBOR,

I hope you have been enjoying this summer in Milwaukee County and staying safe during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Although at times this summer and fall have been difficult, we have made tremendous strides toward ending this pandemic and returning to normalcy.

The County and the Board of Supervisors have been hard at work over the last few months combatting COVID, preparing to take up a 2022 budget, and drawing new legislative maps following the 2020 Census.

Please read through this newsletter for updates on what's been happening in Milwaukee County and right here in District 12, Milwaukee's South Side.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Ortiz-Velez - Milwaukee County Supervisor, District 12



GET VACCINATED, STAY SAFE – KEEP THE SOUTH SIDE SAFE!

The COVID-19 vaccine is a safe and effective way of keeping yourself and your neighbors safe from serious illness and death. I received my two doses of the vaccine earlier this year, and I look forward to getting my booster shot when it is my turn to get it.

HOW DO I GET VACCINATED?

Go to www.milwaukee.gov/Covidvax for information on weekly vaccine clinics.

- Vaccines are FREE and insurance information is NOT collected.
- Everyone ages 12 and older is eligible to receive a vaccine.
- In-home vaccination is available NOW! Call (414) 286-6800 to schedule.
- Weekly walk-in clinics, no appointment needed.

WHEN CAN I GET A BOOSTER SHOT?

The federal government announced that booster shots should be available to eligible individuals sometime this fall. To stay updated on news regarding booster shots, check the following websites:

- WI Department of Health Services - www.dhs.wisconsin.gov
- Healthy MKE - www.healthymke.com
- City of Milwaukee Health Department - www.milwaukee.gov/Covidvax

DRIVE-THRU COVID-19 TESTING

FREE AT NO COST TO YOU

City of Milwaukee Community Testing Sites

- **Northwest Health Center (NWHC), 7630 W. Mill Road**
Drive-thru garage – Enter at Mill Road Library, 6431 N. 76th St.
- **Southside Health Center (SSHC), 1639 S. 23rd St.**
Drive-thru heated tent in North parking lot – Enter on 24th St.

Schedule your appointment online.

milwaukee.gov/covidtesting
#MKECares #StaySafeMKE

2022 MILWAUKEE COUNTY BUDGET

Many municipalities facing significant budget deficits have seen their deficits worsen as a result of COVID-19, and Milwaukee County is no different. This deficit is compounded by the severely inequitable state shared revenue system, to which Milwaukee County taxpayers have increasingly contributed far more than we receive in return.

The deficit and shrinking shared revenue payments from the state have squeezed county services and forced us to make tough decisions about which services to prioritize. This is not a sustainable path forward for our county, and we need the state of Wisconsin to step up and provide Milwaukee County the funding we deserve.

During the upcoming budget cycle, I will be fighting to ensure that we adequately fund the Mitchell Park Domes, public transit, and other services and programs vital to residents on the South Side.

2021 MILWAUKEE COUNTY BUDGET TIMELINE

April–September 2021

The County's annual budget process for the following year starts in April. Over the next few months, departments present their budget requests and work with the Office of Performance, Strategy & Budget, the Department of Administrative Services, and the County Executive to develop the County Executive's budget proposal, known as the Recommended Budget.

October 1, 2021

On or before October 1, the County Executive presents their Recommended Budget to the Board of Supervisors, per state law. This may or may not be in person at a Board of Supervisors meeting.

October 2021

The County Board's Finance – Budget Committee reviews the Recommended Budget.

October 4-8, 2021

The County Comptroller reviews the Recommended Budget and publishes their annual "Overview."

October 11-15, 2021

Departments brief the Finance – Budget Committee on their budget requests.

October 18-29, 2021

County Supervisors present amendments to the Finance – Budget Committee, which recommends adoption or rejection.

November 1, 2021

The Board of Supervisors holds a public hearing on the budget.

November 8, 2021

The Board of Supervisors adopts amendments to the budget and then adopts the full budget.

November 15, 2021

Possible Board of Supervisors meeting to consider County Executive vetoes (if any).

INTRODUCING DAN BROPHY

This past June, I welcomed a new Legislative Assistant to my office – Dan Brophy! Dan first called Milwaukee home over 5 years ago when he started at Marquette University, and he is now happy to join the Milwaukee County Board.

Dan's prior experience with Voces de la Frontera and Milwaukee's Community Relations-Social Development Commission speak to his deep belief in community-driven work. Dan has already joined me at a few

community events and has been working on issues relating to MCTS and the Mitchell Park Domes.

If you see Dan around, welcome him to District 12 and the South Side! He is available during regular business to help address any questions, concerns, and comments you may have.



Dan Brophy

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KOSCIUSZKO COMMUNITY CENTER ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS



Over the last few months, I have been working with Milwaukee County Parks Department to help determine the future of the Kosciuszko Community Center. Public engagement meetings occur at the end of September, and the feedback from these meetings will significantly impact how plans are developed. If you have thoughts on the future of the center and what activities, resources, or opportunities are needed, please contact me and let me know: sylvia.ortizvelez@milwaukeecountywi.gov. I am excited to see what the future holds for this wonderful South Side community asset!

RENTAL AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE

ENGLISH

WRAP Rental Assistance Program (State Funding) – Social Development Commission

A state funded program assisting residents who need help paying rent or obtaining a security deposit to secure a house.
www.cr-sdc.org/services/residential-services/wrap

Rental Assistance Community Advocates (Public and Private Funds)

An organization that holds public and private contracts to administer rent assistance through the Rental Housing Resource Center to tenants who are facing eviction. communityadvocates.net/what-we-do/rent-assistance.html

Energy Assistance Community Advocates

Eligible county residents can apply for a one-time payment to help cover a portion of their energy bills, as well as other benefits to help reduce their utility costs. communityadvocates.net/what-we-do/energy-assistance.html

Energy Assistance UMOs

Qualified Milwaukee residents can receive a one-time annual payment to make heating and electric bills more affordable. For additional information on how to apply for Home Energy Assistance, go to one of the links below:

English: county.milwaukee.gov/files/county/DHHS/EnergyAssistance/MKEAPPLYSHEETNOBLEED.pdf

Spanish: county.milwaukee.gov/files/county/DHHS/EnergyAssistance/MKEAPPLYSHEETSPANISHNOBLEED.pdf

Hmong: county.milwaukee.gov/files/county/DHHS/EnergyAssistance/JULANDAUGMKEAPPLYINFOSHEETHMONGAPRIL2020.pdf

Wisconsin Foreclosure Mediation Network

Wisconsin Foreclosure Mediation Network offers a free, private meeting where landlords and tenants work with a mediator who helps them find solutions to problems they are having related to the rental agreement and/or rental property.

www.mediatewisconsin.org/foreclosure

Milwaukee Justice Center

MJC is offering a variety of information and tools to make sure residents are informed on their options when facing eviction or having other landlord issues. www.milwaukeejusticecenter.org

ESPAÑOL

WRAP Rental Assistance Program (Fondos Estatales) – Social Development Commission

Un programa financiado por el estado que ayuda a los residentes que necesitan ayuda para pagar el alquiler u obtener un depósito de seguridad para asegurar una casa. www.cr-sdc.org/services/residential-services/wrap

Rental Assistance Community Advocates (Fondos Públicos y Privados)

Una organización que tiene contratos públicos y privados para administrar asistencia de alquiler a través del Centro de Recursos de Vivienda de Alquiler a los inquilinos que se enfrentan al desalojo.

communityadvocates.net/what-we-do/rent-assistance.html

Energy Assistance Community Advocates

Los residentes elegibles del condado pueden solicitar un solo pago para ayudar a cubrir una parte de sus facturas de gas y luz, así como otros beneficios para ayudar a reducir sus costos de servicios públicos.

communityadvocates.net/what-we-do/energy-assistance.html

Energy Assistance UMOs

Residentes calificados de Milwaukee pueden recibir un solo pago anual para reducir el costo de sus facturas de calefacción y electricidad. Para información adicional acerca de cómo aplicar para la asistencia "Home Energy Assistance," visite a:

county.milwaukee.gov/files/county/DHHS/EnergyAssistance/MKEAPPLYSHEETSPANISHNOBLEED.pdf

Wisconsin Foreclosure Mediation Network

La Red de Mediación de Ejecuciones Hipotecarias de Wisconsin ofrece una reunión privada y gratuita donde los propietarios e inquilinos trabajan con un mediador que los ayuda a encontrar soluciones a los problemas que tienen relacionados con el contrato de alquiler y/o la propiedad de alquiler en el volante. www.mediatewisconsin.org/foreclosure

Milwaukee Justice Center

MJC ofrece una variedad de información y herramientas para asegurarse de que los residentes estén informados sobre sus opciones cuando se enfrentan al desalojo o tienen otros problemas con el propietario. www.milwaukeejusticecenter.org



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QUICK NEWS: MILWAUKEE COUNTY AND DISTRICT 12

- Milwaukee County was allocated \$183 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The ARPA Task Force will solicit community feedback and help determine how those funds are spent.
- Phase 3 of Milwaukee County Transit System's (MCTS) system redesign took place in late-August. Information on new and adjusted routes is available at www.ridemcts.com



2021 PUERTO RICAN FAMILY FESTIVAL

Supervisor Ortiz-Velez and State Senator Lena Taylor met up and chatted after taking part in the 2021 Puerto Rican Family Festival's opening ceremonies.



For legislative files, agendas, minutes and schedules for all Milwaukee County committee and board meetings, please visit the County Legislative Information Center at:

county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC

REGISTER OF DEEDS AUTOMATES VITAL RECORDS REQUESTS



Our very own Register of Deeds, led by Israel "Issy" Ramón, is the first office in the state to introduce automated vital records requests.

Using newly installed kiosks, you can easily request birth certificates, marriage licenses, death records, and all other vital records, and you can do so in English or Spanish.

If you need any of these documents, head to the Register of Deeds Office at: **901 N. 9th Street, Room 103, Milwaukee, WI 53233 • (414) 278-4027**



*Register of Deeds
Israel "Issy" Ramón*

EL REGISTRO DE ESCRITURAS PÚBLICAS AUTOMATIZA LAS SOLICITUDES DE REGISTROS VITALES

Nuestro propio Registro de Escrituras Públicas, dirigido por Israel Ramón, es la primera oficina en el estado en introducir solicitudes automatizadas de registros vitales.

Usando quioscos recién instalados, usted puede solicitar fácilmente certificados de nacimiento, licencias de matrimonio, registros de defunción y todos los demás registros vitales. Las solicitudes se pueden hacer en inglés o español.

Si necesita alguno de estos documentos, diríjase a la Oficina del Registro de Escrituras Públicas: **901 N. 9th Street, Room 103, Milwaukee, WI 53233 • (414) 278-4027**

Supervisor Ortiz-Velez tests out the newly installed kiosks in the Register of Deeds of Office, which make vital records requests easier and faster.